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WEEK DAYS

Stations	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Kowloon	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yau-mat	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.50	7.31
Tai-po	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Tai-po Market	7.31	9.55	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fuking	7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	1.54	5.14	6.09	7.49
Shung-shui	7.36	10.07	11.22	12.52	1.58	5.18	6.13	7.52
Shum-chun	7.43	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.05	5.24	6.19	7.58

Stations	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Shum-chun	7.51	9.05	10.28	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Shung-shui	7.58	9.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fuking	7.52	9.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Tai-po Market	7.42	9.26	10.58	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai-po	7.46	9.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin	7.59	9.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	5.51	6.46
Yau-mat	8.12	9.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.53	5.16	6.11	7.06

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Stations	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Kowloon	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	1.15	4.17	5.13	6.08
Yau-mat	6.50	8.45	9.24	10.39	1.24	4.24	5.20	6.15
Shatin	7.02	8.57	9.36	10.51	1.36	4.36	5.32	6.27
Tai-po	7.16	9.11	9.49	11.04	1.49	4.49	5.45	6.40
Tai-po Market	7.31	9.26	10.03	11.18	1.53	4.53	5.49	6.44
Fuking	7.32	9.27	10.03	11.18	1.54	4.54	5.50	6.45
Shung-shui	7.36	9.31	10.07	11.22	1.58	4.58	5.54	6.49
Shum-chun	7.43	9.38	10.13	11.28	2.05	5.05	6.01	6.56

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Shum-chun	8.12	10.28	11.40	1.15	4.17	5.13	6.08	
Shung-shui	8.19	10.45	11.47	1.24	4.24	5.20	6.15	
Fuking	8.23	10.49	11.51	1.31	4.31	5.27	6.22	
Tai-po Market	8.33	10.59	12.02	1.41	4.41	5.37	6.32	
Tai-po	8.37	11.04	12.07	1.45	4.45	5.41	6.36	
Shatin	8.51	11.17	12.21	1.53	4.53	5.49	6.44	
Yau-mat	9.2	11.29	12.33	2.01	5.01	5.57	6.52	
Kowloon	9.11	11.37	12.41	2.05	5.05	6.01	6.56	

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The annual general meeting of the Langkat Co. was held at Shanghai on March 31st, at the offices of Messrs. Geo. McBain, the general agents. Mr. R. S. F. McBain presided and was supported by Mr. John Prentice.

The Chairman said: In speaking last year of the accounts I drew attention to the fact that the item sundry assets in the balance sheet had been reduced during the year we were then reviewing by about Tls. 100,000, and I said that we hoped to see them still further reduced during the year on which we had then entered. In this we were disappointed, as the result of the shipment of drilling tools and machinery which we made to America turned out less satisfactory than we expected and I am afraid that we cannot now hope to get much of a return for it as a good deal of the machinery is obsolete and low prices will have to be taken for it.

Timber at Tls. 203,530.91 is made up of the plant and machinery in Sumatra and at our factory here, as well as considerable stocks of cut timber in both places.

I am sorry to say that the oil and sundry working account still shows a loss. There is, however, a considerable saving in the expenses generally. As the report says, the expenditure on oil was reduced to a minimum during the second half of our financial year. It may seem strange perhaps that, as we have given up the exploitation of the oil field ourselves, there should be any expense to speak of in this account, but I want you to bear in mind what we say in the report about a good deal of the expenditure being on account of various concessions which the company owns and which your directors do not think it advisable to give up. The foreign and native staff account and the quit rent and general charges are all considerably more than they would be but for this fact. Until we are able to dispose of some of our lands and our Marapoera Concessions in Borneo these accounts cannot be much further reduced. There are certain expenses in connection with the foreign and native staff as well as the rents which must be incurred as long as we hold them. This we would recommend should be done as we are convinced that they are of considerable value.

LOSSES ON TIMBER REDUCED.

There is one other item in the working account to which I would draw your attention, and that is the loss on timber which has been reduced from Tls. 31,485.56 last year to Tls. 2,550.62. This small loss is rather disappointing, as we had hoped to have been in a position to show a profit from this source. Our installation at our timber yard in Ward Road is now nearing completion and we shall soon be well equipped and able to turn out material of a very high class with which, in the opinion of our manager, we can supply the building trade in Shanghai and the outposts.

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OIL PROSPECTS.

On the Darat oilfield there has been no drilling done during the last year, but preparations are being made by the Batavische Petroleum Maatschappij (which is the company that does the field work of the A.P.C. group) to do some deep drilling there and we shall look forward with a great deal of interest to the results. The average production for the year under review was 19 tons daily against 21 tons the year before. During the year an agreement was made with the Batavische under which the Tandjong Slamut concession has been transferred to them to work on the following royalty basis:—Fl. 5 per ton pure crude oil as long as the total production of the concession Tandjong Slamut does not exceed 10,000 tons per annum; Fl. 4 per ton over a further yearly production of 5,000 tons or part thereof; Fl. 3 per ton on a further production of 5,000 tons or part thereof; and Fl. 2.50 on a yearly production for as far as this exceeds the 20,000 tons. They propose to spend a considerable sum on making a thorough geological survey to ascertain whether it is worth working or not. This survey will probably be commenced during this year.

PROFIT ON RUBBER.

The profit of Tls. 108,004.38 on the rubber working account may, I think, be considered as satisfactory under the circumstances, as during several months of our financial year prices ruling were very low. With the prices which have been obtained during the first five months of our present year beginning on November 1st, and the present prospect for the future, I think we may look forward to a good return this year on our rubber account. Our estimate for the current year is 1,000,000 lb. No forward sales have been made. Our estates have continued to be managed very ably and our visiting agent reports everything in first-rate order.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

There were no questions, and the following resolutions were formally carried: That the report and accounts, as presented, be passed. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Prentice. That Mr. Prentice be re-elected a director of the company—Proposed by Mr. W. G. Pirie, seconded by Mr. K. H. Martin. That Mr. Barendsen be re-elected a director of the company—Proposed by Mr. Pirie, seconded by Mr. E. Hayim. That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be re-elected auditors for the ensuing year—Proposed by Mr. Hayim, seconded by Mr. Martin.



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	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	11,122,160	5,000,000*
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	41,022,548	29,900,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	1,219,810	550,000‡
Total	\$33,364,518	\$35,450,000

*—Sterling securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,057,900.
†—Securities with the Crown Agents and Straits Government £3,091,000.
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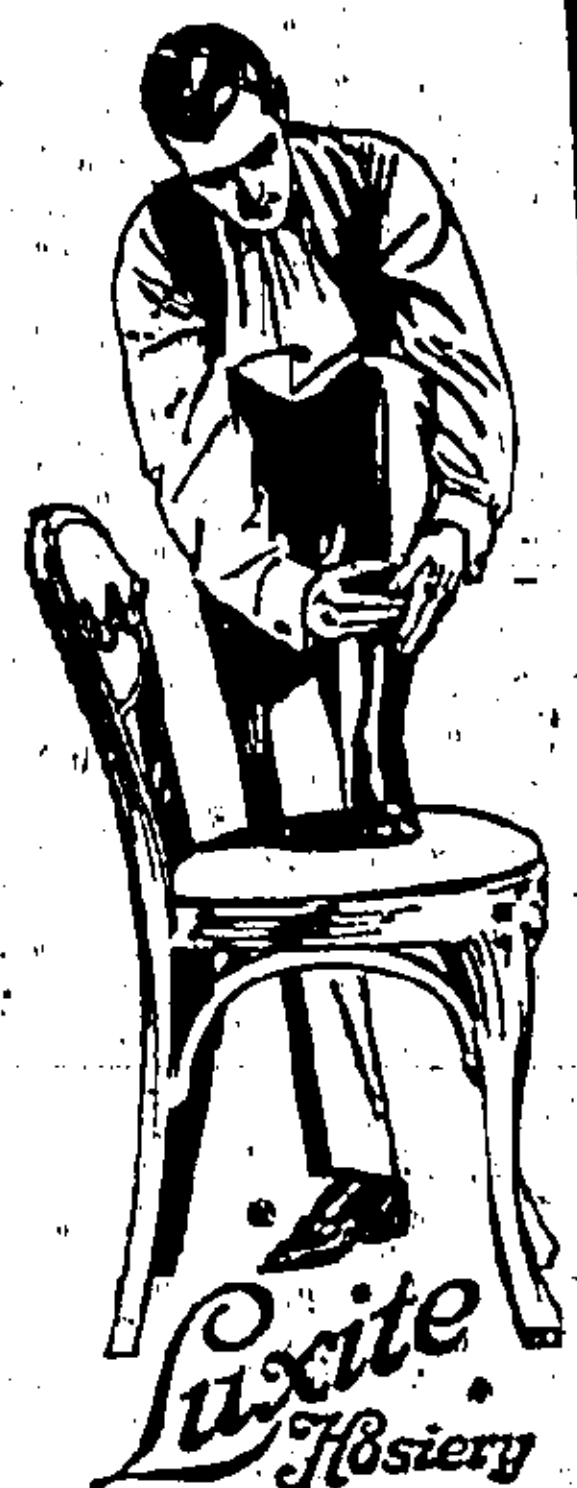
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SINGAPORE BASE HONGKONG'S GIFT.

Following is the full report of the reference made in the House of Commons on March 4th to Hongkong's gift:

Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, Birmingham (Sparkbrook), replying to Mr. Duff Cooper (Oldham, U.), said Hongkong had generously offered as a contribution toward the cost of the Singapore base a gift of £250,000, representing the profits made by the Colony out of the local scheme of shipping control during the war. (Cheers). This gift had been most gratefully accepted by his Majesty's Government. The generous offer of the Straits Settlements to provide the necessary land still held good. The site had been acquired at a cost of \$1,250,000 (\$146,000) and would be handed over as required.

Mr. Hardie (Glasgow, Springburn, U.) asked the Foreign Secretary if the Government anticipated that the Four Power Treaty, which provided means for peaceful adjustment of questions arising between the Pacific Powers, would not be renewed in 1931, and if the present safeguards were now considered adequate by the Government.

Mr. A. Chamberlain: I am unable to anticipate a decision which will be taken in regard to a question which arises until 1931, i.e., ten years from the date of the deposit of ratifications, but nothing has so far occurred to suggest to me any doubt as to its value or to foreshadow its non-renewal. I am not clear as to the meaning of the last part of the question, but if the hon. member is referring to safeguards for peace, the Government believe that the Treaty will facilitate the peaceful settlement of any difference that may arise between the signatories.

Mr. Hardie asked, whether, considering that the Washington Agreement for restricting armaments made warfare in the Pacific very unlikely during the next seven years, it would not be better to maintain the status quo rather than invite war by going on with the Singapore base.

Mr. Chamberlain: Singapore is not proposed as a means of waging war, either defensive or offensive but as a necessary link in Imperial communications.

Mr. Hardie said while that might be the opinion of members on the Government benches it must be remembered that other people had interests in the Pacific who did not share that view. It was the difference in the point of view that led to war.

Mr. Chamberlain: Yes, that is exactly why the hon. gentleman should be very careful as to the colour he gives to these unfriendly suggestions. (Ministerial cheer.)

Lord Curzon's reference to the Gift in the House of Lords was embodied in a general reference to the willingness of the Dominions to contribute towards the expense of creating the base. He said: "Hongkong offered £250,000, the profits made by them out of shipping control during the war." The announcement was greeted with the interjection: "Hear, hear."

SHANGHAI SENSATION.

MR. KENTWELL CHARGES CHINESE WITH BLACKMAIL.

When the case came before Mr. Martin and Magistrate Zau at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on March 30th, in which Mr. L. K. Kentwell charged three Chinese with blackmailing him, the Assessor said he had come to a conclusion the case must be adjourned till proceedings were concluded in the British Court.

Counsel argued the subject of bail and the Assessor, giving his decision, said the Court were of opinion that as the accused were resident outside the Settlements, it was possible that they might not turn up to take their trial at the second hearing. They would adjourn for a special hearing, fixing bail at \$30,000 each. He added that on a previous occasion where a Chinese official had been given bail they had not appeared.

Addressing the Court earlier in the hearing, Mr. W. S. Fleming, who defended the accused, suggested that at the back of the whole thing was an attempt to deflect the attention of the Court from the proceedings at the British Court. Kentwell was himself charged, and then suddenly turned round and charged these people with blackmailing, or rather attempting to blackmail him. He would also suggest that the accused were trapped into making the offer described.

SHANGHAI RUSSIANS.

POVERTY DOES NOT PREVENT INTOXICATION.

Examples of the shifts to which destitute Russians in Shanghai may resort in order to live, were provided at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on March 31st.

A Russian Jew named Isaac Muller was charged with the attempted theft of a length of silk. It was stated that the accused in company with two other Russians entered a shop in Kiukiang Road, and said he wanted to see some silk. The three men were shown the silk, but it was not good enough. While the assistant's back was turned and as he was getting a better quality, accused tried to hide the silk under his coat. He was seen, however, and the police were communicated with. Defendant appeared to be drunk.

H. Cobilina, a Russian woman, was sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment for being drunk and disorderly, and begging. A foreign constable told the Court that he was on duty on the Bund when a number of foreign ladies complained to him that a Russian woman was begging from them, and using filthy language when she was not given anything. When he saw defendant she was drunk she could hardly stand. She was using very bad language.

BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA.

According to the annual return of the distribution of the troops overseas, the following is the strength of the various arms in China:—Royal Artillery, 310; Royal Engineers, 42; Royal Corps of Signals, 27; Infantry of the Line, 806; Royal Army Service Corps, 52; Royal Army Medical Corps, 64; Army Dental Corps, 2; Royal Army Ordnance Corps, 43; Royal Army Veterinary Corps, 2; Royal Army Pay Department, 19; Corps of Military Accountants, 11; Army Educational Corps, 4; Colonial troops, 558; and Indian troops, 724, a total of 3,563, of which 2,234 are British troops.

The total in the Straits Settlement is 1,119 British troops and 108 Colonial troops.

LOCAL SPORT.

YACHTING.

LADIES' CUP.

Some keen yachting was seen during the week-end. On Saturday the race for the Ladies' Cup was sailed, the trophy being presented by the ladies who took part in the Ladies' Championship. The course was from the Club line out to Fu To Chan, the old Customs House in Junk Bay, a total distance of about ten miles.

Eight boats entered and Ursula won by 7 seconds from Falcon. Two of the boats did not finish the course.

SUNDAY'S RACING.

Two races were re-sailed on Sunday, that of the Handicaps and the Guel, which were not decided three weeks ago. In the Handicap class Falcon won the Rolla Cup, Diana being second, and Dorothea third; whilst in the Guel class, the Mee Sing Cup was won by Joan.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF COLONY

At the Victoria Recreation Club on Saturday evening in the second round of the billiards tournament for the championship of the Colony, S. C. Kwok defeated Ip Ping Lau by 800 to 600.

The following were the best breaks:—S. C. Kwok: 52, 50, 45, 30, 26, 24, 33. Ip Ping Lau: 38, 36, 35, 30, 24, 21, 20, 19, 17.

To-night P. Yvanovich will meet Lt. Col. F. S. Montague Bates in the second round, to-morrow evening Wong Po Hoog and E. W. Spry will play in the third round.

OBITUARY.

MISS BEATRICE HARDWICK.

The death occurred at the French Hospital on Saturday morning of Beatrice ("Trixy"), the 16 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick, of Quarry Bay. She was taken ill on Sunday week and was operated on for appendicitis last Tuesday. She was very popular with all who knew her, and her death will be deeply regretted by a large number of people. The funeral took place at Happy Valley on Saturday evening and was attended by a large gathering of mourners and friends.

MRS. R. T. BRYAN.

The death is recorded in another column of Mrs. R. T. Bryan, wife of the junior member of the law firm of Davies, and Bryan, Shanghai. Mrs. Bryan died in Rialto, California, after a very long illness.

She was the daughter of Dr. R. A. Parker, of the Shanghai Municipal Council. Ill-health caused her to leave China about a year ago.

MR. C. W. CLIFFORD.

Mr. Charles William Clifford, of 4, Carter Road, Shanghai, died at his home on March 30th, after a sudden collapse on his doorstep on returning from a theatre. Medical aid was summoned but his case was pronounced hopeless.

Mr. Clifford was the father of the well-known athlete, Mr. W. C. G. Clifford, and two married daughters, Mrs. Hodgson and Mrs. Warner. He leaves a widow, who came to China 20 years ago, and for the past 17 years had been associated with the printing department of the British Cigarette Co., Pootung. He was 54 years of age.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Lovers of romance enjoyed themselves thoroughly yesterday when Sir Anthony Hope's famous novel, "Rupert of Hentzau," was shown on the screen at the Queen's Theatre. Elaine Hammerstein, Bert Lytell, Lew Cody, Hobart Bosworth, Bryant Washburn, Claire Windsor, Marjorie Daw, Josephine Crowell, Irving Cummings, Mitchell Lewis, Adolphe Menjou, Elmo Lincoln, Nigel De Brulier, and Gertrude Astor appear in a story full of romance and adventure.

WORLD THEATRE.

Miss Sylvia Breamer, who is to be seen in "The Barefoot Boy" at the World Theatre to-day, is five feet seven inches tall. She weighs one hundred and thirty-seven pounds, and has beautiful dark brown hair and expressive, dreamy eyes. She is admirably suited for her rôle in "The Barefoot Boy," a David Kirkland production, based on the poem of the same name by John Greenleaf Whittier.

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V.R.C. PRESENTATION.

MR. A. MCKIRDY LEAVING FOR HOME.

Among the passengers leaving for Home by the s.s. "Siam" to-morrow is Mr. A. McKirdy, who is retiring after nearly 30 years' service with the Taikoo Sugar Refinery.

Mr. McKirdy arrived in Hongkong on June 29th 1894, on a three years' contract with Messrs. John Swire & Sons, Billiter Square, London. Agents for the Taikoo Sugar Refinery. At the end of his first contract, Mr. McKirdy was re-engaged and has been with the firm ever since.

It was his intention to retire at the end of June, after completing 30 years' service with the firm, but unfortunately his last December necessitated his cessation of further activity at the Taikoo Works. Mr. McKirdy rose to the position of senior foreman in the Sugar Department and chief sugar boiler. Until 15 December, Mr. McKirdy had never been absent for a single day, on account of ill-health, but owing to heart trouble he has been compelled to leave the scene of his labours earlier than anticipated.

In his early days, Mr. McKirdy was a keen cyclist and from 1896-1900 was undisputed champion at all distances in events open to all comers, whether residents of the Colony or not. The popular races in those days were the Monopole, New Home and Centaur.

In great measure it was due to Mr. McKirdy's initiative that athletics were put upon a sound footing in the Colony and ever since his arrival here he has been one of the prime movers in furthering the efforts of the Victoria Recreation Club to encourage athletics in all forms.

As a token of appreciation of his good work in this direction, Mr. McKirdy was presented with a gold watch, suitably inscribed by the members of the Victoria Recreation Club.

THE PRESENTATION.

The presentation took place in the dancing hall of the V.R.C. premises on Saturday evening by H.E. Sir Claude Stevens, Chairman of the Club, who said:

Mr. McKirdy—it gave me very great pleasure when I received a letter from the Secretary asking me to come here this evening to make this small presentation to you from the Committee and members of the Victoria Recreation Club on the occasion of your leaving the Colony. I am sure that we all in this Club very deeply regret that owing to ill-health you find it necessary to give up your work here and go Home. During the last thirty years you have been a member of this Club who have been one of its most faithful members who has done work at all times and in all departments of the Club which we have valued very much indeed. During the last few years you have acted as Secretary in the absence of Mr. W. H. W. and under your guidance the Club continued to progress. I was glad to hear this evening that in your earlier days you were a noted cyclist, and it may safely be said that you were the undisputed cycle champion of the Colony. (Applause.) It is our hope that when you get Home you will be able to obtain the rest which will restore you entirely to good health. Your native country, of which I may claim also to be a native too, is a very cold one for the greater part of the year, and no doubt you will seek a place, at any rate for a time, where you can settle down in a warmer climate. The members of this Club exceedingly regret your departure, and only hope you will not forget us, and possibly, if your health permits, you will return to see us again. (Applause.) We wish you a very pleasant voyage and trust you will soon be restored to health.

The presentation was then made, Sir Claude also remarking on the tremendous assistance which he, as Chairman, received from Mr. McKirdy.

MR. MCKIRDY REPLIES.

In returning thanks for the presentation, Mr. McKirdy said:

Your Excellency, Gentlemen of the V.R.C. and other members: I feel highly honoured at the presence of His Excellency here this evening and deeply grateful to him for the kind manner in which he has spoken of me.

"I do not propose to suggest that your kind presentation has come to me exactly as a surprise. I may say that, had I been allowed to leave you without being asked to meet you to say a last farewell, I should have felt slighted because, gentlemen, this Club has been very dear to me, more so than any institution in the Colony. It was the first Club I joined on arrival nearly 31 years ago. I can well remember taking part in the V.R.C. athletic meeting in 1895. Since then I have been identified with every feature of the Club's activities, and many of my happiest days have been spent in the pursuit of its various branches of sport.

"The Club honoured me in 1915 by making me a life member, a distinction which I prize very highly. I have acted as Hon. Secretary to the Club on two occasions during the absence of our Secretary, Mr. W. H. W. and as a member of committee for more years than I can remember.

"Although I have not quite seen eye-to-eye with Mr. W. H. W. on all occasions we nevertheless part no worse friends than that account. My endeavours have always been directed to the betterment of the Club, in every direction and to the support of Mr. W. H. W. in the very fine manner in which he has devoted himself to its affairs.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ENGINEER CO.'S SUCCESSFUL SHOOTING PRIZES PRESENTED.

Members of the Engineer Company of the H.V.D.C. and their friends spent an enjoyable time at Headquarters, on Saturday evening, the occasion being the Company's annual dinner and presentation of shooting prizes. There were over 100 present, including: Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, Commanding the H.V.D.C., Capt. Joll. Adjutant, Capt. R. Melville-Smith, O.C. Engineer Company, Lieut. Syme-Thompson and Skelton, Corps. Sergeant-Major Westlake, Capt. Feary, Sergeant-Major Smith and Sgt. Swinson, representing the R.E.s.

THE MENU.

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Lieut. Syme-Thompson, who is returning to England on leave very shortly, was presented with a photograph of the Engineer Co., framed in blackwood and suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by Lieut.-Col. Bird.

Sergeant-Major Smith and Sergeant Swinson, of the Royal Engineers, were presented with inscribed cigarette cases in appreciation of their services as instructors to the Company.

The loyal toast was proposed by Capt. Smith, O.C. Engineer Co., who also proposed the toast of "The Guests." Capt. Feary, R.E., replied to the latter.

PRIZES.

Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird presented the prizes, which were as follows:

Best score over whole range without handicap: 1st, Spr. Doney; 2nd, L/Cpl. Best; 3rd, Spr. Maskell.

Best score over whole range with handicap: 1st, Spr. Doney; 2nd, L/Cpl. Best; 3rd, Spr. Maskell.

Best score over last three ranges without handicap: (Cup presented by the N.C.O.'s of the Company): Spr. Fraser.

RANGE PRIZES.

200 yds. application without handicap: Capt. Smith.

200 yds. rapid without handicap: Spr. Fraser.

400 yds. application without handicap: Spr. Keen.

500 yds. application without handicap: Spr. Westlake.

600 yds. application without handicap: Spr. Tyler.

200 yds. application without handicap: Capt. Smith.

200 yds. rapid without handicap: L/Cpl. Jarratt.

400 yds. application without handicap: Spr. Keen.

500 yds. application without handicap: Spr. Westlake.

600 yds. application without handicap: Spr. Tyler.

Special prize: Bugler Brooks.

An informal smoking concert was subsequently held, and was much enjoyed by all present. The proceedings closed with lusty singing of the National Anthem.

"I hope that those gentlemen who love the Club as I do, will remember that the interests of the Club are at stake. Never forget that it is the oldest established and premier sporting Club in the Colony.

"I feel proud that I was partially responsible in inducing H.E. Sir Claude Severn to act as our Chairman. Since then the Club has advanced steadily.

"In conclusion, Gentlemen, I ask you to accept my best thanks for this handsome and beautiful memento, which I shall carry with me from this day forward as a constant reminder of my happy association with the dear old V.R.C."

Proceedings ended with Sir Claude Severn calling for three cheers for Mr. McKirdy, which were heartily given.

CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET CLUB.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club was held on Saturday evening at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, and proved a very successful and enjoyable function.

There was a company of about 80 present, and His Excellency, Sir Claude Severn, K.B.E. (President of the Club), presided. The official guests invited were: His Excellency Major-General C. C. Luard, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Mr. T. J. Gaisford-St. Lawrence, the Hon. Mr. E. T. Greasy, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E. (Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University), the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mr. H. B. Phillips.

The President stated that letters, regretting inability to attend, had been received from several, among these being Messrs. C. D. Melbourne, J. R. Wood, E. B. Reed, Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.

The arrangements for the dinner were carried out by the following committee: Messrs. J. H. B. Nichill (Chairman), F. L. Squibbs, P. Lambie, J. Deakin, A. Grimmit, B. Wood, R. S. Vergette (Hon. Secretary), and Maughan (Hon. Treasurer).

Following the honouring of the Loyal Toast, Mr. W. W. Hornell proposed the principal toast of the evening that of the "Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club" in a humorous speech. He said that he unfortunately did not play cricket, but it always was a dangerous game. When an elderly man tried to arrest the progress of a ball it either passed through his legs or slipped through his fingers; sometimes in trying to catch a ball it hit one on the nose. (Laughter.)

Speaking of the Club, Mr. Hornell said that it was twenty-two years old, which was creditable in itself. The second eleven had won the Junior League. Owing to the wet weather the afternoon match had to be postponed, and the first eleven did not beat the Hongkong Cricket Club, thus completing a double.

Mr. Hornell, who was a little drier, although not a cricketer, he understood that the practice of playing single-handed matches was now obsolete, which he personally regretted, as he would very much like to see such a game between His Excellency (Sir Claude Severn) and His Excellency the Officer Commanding the Forces in China, or perhaps the Bishop (Laughter). In conclusion Mr. Hornell asked those present to "bury your countenance in the ground, and you have and drink to the health of the Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club."

The President, in responding to the toast said they were grateful to the Chairman for the able way in which he had proposed the toast of the Club and congratulated the others on the cordial way in which they drank it. (Laughter.) Continuing, His Excellency said that they met under a sense of great disappointment because it had been his intention to present the trophies to the winners. He thanked the Committee for the trouble they had taken in arranging this annual dinner of the Civil Service Cricket Club. (Applause.) The cricket teams had given a dazzling exhibition and the Club had to be congratulated on being a fine body of sportsmen. He congratulated Mr. Nichill on the way in which he had led the second eleven to victory. (Applause.) Thanks were also due to Mr. Best for the trouble he had taken in organising tennis, and to Mr. Robert Smith for attending to bowls. The Club was flourishing, and they were looking forward to the time when they would have a more satisfactory club house. It was wonderful how much was done in such small premises, and they were patient to wait until such time as they were offered an allotment on which to build a proper club. "Government never promises anything to anyone," said His Excellency, "and if it was more satisfactory, not to promise."

Commenting on Mr. Hornell's reference to cricket in the days of Jingle, His Excellency said that the Civil Service Cricket Club played cricket quite seriously. Cricket was a wonderful thing. There was a cricket club and they played cricket. When any of the men had been turned out of the second eleven, then they could take to other games. He hoped that the Club would continue to retain its position season after season. (Applause.)

The health of the visitors and guests was proposed by Mr. P. Lambie who made a happy little speech.

H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard responded.

An excellent programme was contributed by H.E. Sir Claude Severn, Capt. J. Macready, Mr. G. H. Piercy, Mr. O. Eager, and Mr. F. Mason.

S.S. "OSTKERR."

REACHES HARBOUR AFTER MISHAP NEAR WAGLAN.

On enquiry of the Manager of the Java, China, Japan Line, last evening, the *Daily Press* was informed that the *Ostkerr* had arrived safely in harbour, under her own steam, on Saturday evening.

The s.s. *Ostkerr*, of the Holland East Asia Line, went ashore at a point near Waglan, in the early hours of Saturday morning during the thick weather.

The tug *Henry Kemick* was sent to the spot to render assistance if required, but fortunately the Dutch vessel was not badly ground, and arrived, as stated, little the worse for the misadventure.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

THE TAX ON KEROSENE.

As a protest against additional war tax on kerosene oil in Canton, dealers in this article have decided to suspend business. Wholesale oil merchants have already stopped transporting business; only the retailers are still supplying the goods to the consumers. By order of the War Funding Commission, a stamp tax of 20 cents is imposed on every can of five gallons of oil or fraction thereof. The dealers were notified on March 24th that the tax would be effective on April 1st. The American and the British Consular representatives in Canton are being asked to lodge a protest against the tax as being contrary to treaty provisions. Foreign governments have made similar protest against an extra levy on rubber, cement, aerated water, and other imported articles but without result.

UNDER FOREIGN FLAGS.

Chinese newspapers in Canton are lamenting the necessity of Chinese owned small steamers registering as foreign in order to avoid local military interference and confiscation under the pretext of commandeering same for troop transportation. In the 72 *Guilid's Commercial Journal* recently, it was pointed out that since 1921, many newly built, Chinese owned vessels have registered as foreign. Before 1921, new foreign vessels registered with the Chinese Customs were: American 3, British 13, French 4, and Japanese 2. In 1921, they were American 4, British 1, French (A) 5; in 1922, American 4, British 1, French 12, Portuguese 3; in 1923, American 2, British 11, Danish 1, French 45, Japanese 2, Portuguese (B) 34; and in 1924, American 3, British (A) 28, Danish 1, French (A) 8, German 21, Italian 33, Japanese 3, Portuguese (B) 23, Spanish 6.

ATHLETICS.

According to a report issued by the Committee in charge of the recent 9th Canton Athletic Meeting the Canton Christian College, the students of which totalled more than 300 points, ranked first; Pui Ching Baptist Academy, 170 points, second; and Pui Ying, third, while for individual athletes, a Pui Ying student won five first and one second prizes and made a total of 28 points. The Pui Ying or Canton Union Middle School is an institution founded originally by the American Presbyterian Mission, but later taken over by the Church of Christ in China, a body of Chinese Christians not attached to any foreign missions.

FINED FOR ATTENDING A FEAST.

Two Canton officials, including a Judge, were fined \$3,000 each for attending a feast on the evening of April 2nd, before the expiration of the 30 days' period of mourning, out of respect to the recent death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. A staff officer of the 2nd Yunnnanese Army, himself a Cantonese, it may be recalled, was fined \$300,000 for trying to get married on March 19th, seven days after the death of Dr. Sun. This staff officer, Wong Yi Poa, was so heavily fined, because he is the present gambling king in the city. He did not have actually to pay the \$300,000, however, as those connected with his arrest and trial finally agreed to let him off for \$50,000.

SALARIES IN ARREAR.

Since November, 1923, the Canton City Department of Public Education has not received any appropriation from the public treasury. More than \$500,000 is said to be due to the Department. The teachers of the city public schools are now more than eight months without their pay. Unless relief is forthcoming, public schools in Canton City may have to be suspended again.

WEDDING.

WILSON-WILSON.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Saturday afternoon, the contracting parties being Miss Jane Hutchison Wilson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson, of Edinburgh, and Mr. Robert Cecil Wilson, son of the late Mr. B. Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson, of Walthamstow, Essex.

The bride who was given away by Capt. Thompson, was attired in white satin, with silver lace sleeves, and orange blossom and veil, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and white heather. Miss J. Matthews, who was bridesmaid, was dressed in pink georgette. Mrs. H. W. Chandler was Matron of Honour, and Mr. F. Oliver was best man.

The Rev. J. R. Lindsay officiated, and the organist was Mr. G. K. Oliver.

The reception took place at No. 1, King's Park Building, the residence of Mrs. Chandler.

The bridegroom's present to the bride was a jade and gold brooch; to the bridesmaid a gold brooch; and the bride's gift to the bridegroom was a silver cigarette case.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

An unemployed Chinese was sentenced to 8 months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday for breaking into a house in Woosung Street.

For having in his possession nine tael of prepared opium and four tael of raw opium, a Chinese was fined \$1,100 with twelve months' hard labour in default, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday.

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will take place in the Chamber of Commerce, 10th Floor, 10th April, 1925, at 5.15 P.M. TO-DAY, MONDAY, 6th APRIL, 1925.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 11th, and MONDAY, 13th APRIL, 1925, commencing at 3 P.M.

The First Race will be Run at 2.30 P.M. Each day.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Members' Secretaries at 50 each day up to FRIDAY, 10th APRIL.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1911-1921

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNION ENGINEERING CO., LTD.

(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The MEETING of the above Company called for the 6th April, 1925, is POSTPONED to the 13th APRIL, 1925.

F. K. PALMADA BERNARDOS, S. J. J. Liquidator.

Dated the 6th day of April, 1925.

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HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SWEET, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of APRIL, 1925, at 11.00 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1924, and of Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1925.

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th APRIL, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, confirming the Appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 1st APRIL, 1925, until WEDNESDAY, the 8th APRIL, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, J. BARTHOLOMEW, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1925.

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BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE HONGKONG BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP has now commenced at the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB. CHARGES of ADMISSION to the Preliminary are: Club Members and Soldiers and Sailors 25 cents; Non-Members of the V.R.C. 50 cents.

The First Session commences at 6 o'clock each Evening.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

REINUSLAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "MACEDONIA".

ARRIVED HONGKONG on 2nd April, 1925.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, PORTSAID, ALEX., COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being loaded and placed at the risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be loaded here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before Arrival of the Steamer.

Date of arrival will be subject to Rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on Mondays and Tuesdays, within the free storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 22nd April, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1925.

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INTIMATIONS

DENISON RAM & GIBBS.

THE Interest and Responsibility of ALBERT DENISON in the Firm of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS will cease on 31st MARCH, 1925. Mr. EDWARD FRIDERIC RICHARDSON, A.R.L.S.A., has been admitted as a Partner in the Firm from 1st APRIL, 1925. The Business will be carried on under the Name of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between ALBERT DENISON and MAN WAI LO and ALBERT EDWARD HALL carrying on Business as Solicitors at Alexandra Building under the Style or Firm of MESSRS. DENISON, RAM & GIBBS has been dissolved as from the 1st day of APRIL, 1925, so far as concerns the said ALBERT EDWARD HALL, who Retires from the said Firm on 31st March, 1925.

Dated the 31st day of March, 1925.

(Signed) M. K. LO.

(Signed) ALBERT E. HALL.

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THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the Director of this Company to issue to CHU WING ON, 312, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, a Duplicate Certificate for Eight Shares in the Company or other Certificates or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 4458 and dated Thirtieth November 1907 for Shares numbered 8476 to 8482 both inclusive and 7707 has been LOST or DESTROYED; and Notice is hereby given that if within Thirty days from the Date hereof No Claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors, they will then proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate or other New Certificate or Certificates.

Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.

T. A. CLARK, Secretary and Manager.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "GOTHIC PRINCE" having arrived from the above Port on 1st instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Wednesday, 8th instant, at 10 A.M. All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th instant, will be subject to Rent.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be counter-signed.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by FURNESS (FAR EAST) LTD., 2nd Floor, King's Building, Consanguine Road, Hongkong.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1925.

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BIRTHS.

MAYER.—At Shanghai, on March 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Mayer, a son, RICHARD ERNST ROBERT.

McNICOLL.—At Edinburgh, Scotland, on March 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McNicol, a son.

PIAZZA.—At Shanghai, on March 29th, to Dr. and Mrs. G. Piazza, a daughter, Tilde Alessandra.

WALKER.—At Shanghai, on March 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. WALKER, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

OST—DEAKIN.—At the Union Church, Hongkong, on April 4th, by the Rev. J. H. Johnston, B.A., REGINALD E. OST of Hongkong, to FEDORA E. DEAKIN, eldest daughter of Mr. E. DEAKIN, and Mrs. DEAKIN, of Melbourne, Australia.

DEATHS.

BRYAN.—At Bialto, California, on March 30th, Mrs. R. T. BRYAN, jr., youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. A. PARKER.

SARKARI.—At Shanghai, on March 27th, JIMMY KALKHUSHRU SARKARI, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. SARKARI, aged seven years.

WANDERLEACH.—At Shanghai, on March 30th, EDWARD WANDERLEACH, youngest son of the late CHARLES WANDERLEACH, aged 33 years.

XAVIER.—At Shanghai, on March 30th, GABRIEL ANTONIO XAVIER (ABA), aged 32 years.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 6TH, 1925.

THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

The summarised accounts that we have seen of the debate on the second reading of the China Indemnity Bill in the House of Commons on March 3rd, lengthy though they are, make no reference to a few remarks that Mr. RAMSAY MACDONALD made in the course of his speech to the proposal that a part of this Indemnity money should be devoted to the construction of railways in China. No doubt the remarks are to be found in "Hansard," but this report is not yet available to us. Our knowledge of these remarks is derived from a sketch given of the debate in a Home paper by an interested spectator in which the following paragraph occurs:—

"When the ex-Premier turned to the question of building railways with these essentially British funds, his words were merely that there was a great deal

to be said for the idea, but that when you go into the details, you find that the conflicting troubles and complexities and negotiations which would have to precede and follow the floating of a railway proposition would be unbearable, and the proposal quite impracticable. What he had in his mind was that at Washington the Government had agreed that they would not seek, nor support their nationals in seeking, any arrangement which might purport to establish any general superiority of rights with respect to economic development in China. He remembered that the Battle of the Concessions raged very largely round the question of railway building, that railways, and the peaceful penetration which they involve, are the precursors of rights, and that the Great Powers are agreed that the Battle shall not be renewed. It has been finally determined with regard to railway development in China, so far as foreign advance is concerned, that no advantage shall be sought by any one Power, but that the four co-operating Great Powers shall act on the principle of complete equality in every respect."

Although it is true the British Chambers of Commerce in the Far East were unanimous, several years ago, in recommending that the remitted portion of the Boxer Indemnity due to Great Britain should be used for the promotion of education among the Chinese on British lines, a good deal of doubt has been expressed since then regarding the wisdom of devoting the entire sum to this purpose. The terms of the Bill are that the money is to be devoted to purposes mutually beneficial to China and Great Britain. The Federation of British Industries has been pressing the view that it may on investigation be found that it is to the mutual benefit of the two countries that a certain proportion at any rate of the fund should be devoted to development work in China. This view has had the public support of Marshal TIAN CHI JUN, the Provisional Chief Executive of China, as well as of other prominent Chinese. Sir ROBERT HO TONG, who twenty-four years ago, advocated that all the Powers should agree to devote the proceeds of the Indemnity to railway construction in China, took the opportunity when he was in England last year to support this suggested application of part of the British Indemnity. The Tientsin Chamber of Commerce has also strongly advocated it. When we see every foreign country in receipt of Boxer Indemnity devoting it to introducing competing systems of foreign education in China the wisdom of it may well be doubted. But the idea of devoting the British portion to anything but education does not appear to have received much encouragement in the debate; though the House defeated an amendment moved from the Labour Benches to reject the Bill on the ground that it did not contain adequate guarantees that the money will be devoted primarily to educational purposes. "There were hon. members," said Mr. R. McNEILL, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, "who preferred that the use of the money should be tied down to education purposes," but he reminded them that "there might, for instance, be medical purposes, and other things of that sort not strictly within the meaning of the term 'education' for which the money might be used." Mr. McNEILL did not mention railways, which are certainly not without their educational influence in China. However, the precise allocation of the Fund would seem to be largely in the hands of the Advisory Committee appointed under the Bill. Meanwhile the allocation of the money to purely educational purposes is being strongly pressed. A memorial to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, signed by 419 resident graduated members of the University of Oxford, the Vice-Chancellor and proctors, 21 heads of colleges or halls, 33 professors or readers, and the Public Orator, expresses the hope that the Fund will be allocated exclusively to educational and medical work in China. The memorialists record their belief that the assignment of the British share of the Fund to educational and medical work will most commend itself to permanently influential bodies of opinion in China, and that such a course, being in accord with the decision taken by the Governments of the United States and Japan, is calculated to secure most effectively friendly co-operation between British and Chinese in the furtherance of the welfare of China. We

see that *The Times* on March 11th published a letter signed by OMU NAO, Ex-Civil Governor of the Province of Hunan; Ex-Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Chungking, and C. Y. HAT, President, Chinese International Scientific Society; Secretary, Chinese National Committee, Y.M.C.A., in which they say:

"Throughout China the acquisition of a knowledge of Western customs and culture is a goal on which all eyes are fixed, and, moreover, this is the one object where Britain does not look to benefit directly. The alternative proposals, the development of inland communications and of medical services, while both urgent needs of China, are nevertheless open to the second of the above objections. Again, neither of them is so desperately needed as education. The proposal to earmark a certain proportion towards the upkeep of Christian colleges is also open to grave suspicion on both the grounds, for a huge majority of the Chinese are yet not Christians, nor are they likely to be influenced in favour of Christianity by what would virtually be a compulsory levy for its dissemination. For these reasons, although Christians ourselves, we feel that it would be most detrimental to the effect produced in China by your magnanimous gift were you to make any alteration in the purposes for which the money is to be used. At the present moment, despite differences of culture and difficulties due to distance, public opinion in China is warmly in favour of Great Britain. Through the handling of this question you may either, as we said at the beginning, cement the friendship firmer still, or you may defeat your own purpose by introducing the wedge of discontent which might eventually drive us apart."

The "wedge of discontent" would certainly be introduced if the Advisory Committee followed the advice given in this letter and refused assistance from the Fund to the Christian colleges, to which the Chinese are so greatly indebted for what knowledge of Western customs and culture they now possess. We can quite appreciate the point of view advanced by the writers of this letter, who describe themselves as Christians; but it seems to us their letter can only serve to strengthen the case for the diversion of part of this money to purposes which do not come within the strict definition of the word "education."

M. LARRAUT, formerly Governor-General of Indo-China, has been appointed French Ambassador to Angola.

The new American Club, Foochow Road, Shanghai, was opened on April 5th by Mr. E. S. Cunningham, the U.S. Consul-General.

The annual meeting of members of the Society of St. George, Hongkong, is announced to take place this evening at the City Hall.

Mr. James Dunn, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who has been transferred to Bangkok left yesterday by the *Kwangtung* accompanied by Mrs. Dunn.

Mr. J. W. O. Davidson, till recently H.M. Acting Vice-Consul at Tientsin, has left for Kiangsu, to which post he has been transferred as Acting Consul.

Sir Ronald Macleay, British Minister to China, and Lady Macleay will spend a few weeks on the Continent on their way back from Peking to England.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Capt. H. F. Bloxham to act as Superintendent of Prisons during the absence on leave of Mr. J. W. Franks.

A Chinese passenger on a launch at the Yau-mat ferry committed suicide on Saturday morning. He was seen to jump from the ferry *Man Sang*. A search of the body proved unavailing.

The Chinese Coast Guard Administration at Wusong are inviting tenders for the supply of material with a view to the erection of a meteorological and wireless station on the Pratas Shoal.

Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector-General of Customs and Associate Director-General of Revenues, is passing through Hongkong on the Blue Funnel steamer *Antenor*. Sir Francis is going Home on furlough.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has appointed the Rev. O. B. Shann to be one of the German Missions Trustees, in succession to the Venerable Archdeacon E. J. Barnett resigned.

As the Yau-mat ferry *Man Fat* drew away from the pier on Saturday morning at 7.45 a.m. a woman jumped overboard. Several sampans proceeded to the rescue, and the woman was saved and handed over to the police.

The annual athletic sports meeting of the Hongkong University, which were to have taken place on the Pokfulam ground on Saturday, have been postponed to April 12th, on account of the inclemency of the weather during the week-end.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has now received instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to recognise Mr. William McG. Harlow as a Vice-Consul for the United States of America in Hongkong.

Yesterday was an exceptionally cold day for the time of the year. The Observatory records show the lowest open-air temperature yesterday was 59 degrees. The highest open-air temperature on the previous day was 71 degrees.

Among the passengers who left by the P. & O. s.s. *Mantua* yesterday were Mr. T. F. Claxton, Mrs. A. Midland, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Greig, Mr. J. W. Franks, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hills, Mr. and Mrs. S. Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Court.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Easter vacation, except on public and general holidays, when they will be entirely closed. The Easter vacation begins on April 10th, and terminates on April 18th (both days inclusive).

By command of the King a *Levee* was held on March 10th, at St. James's Palace by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on behalf of His Majesty. Among the gentlemen who attended the *Levee* were Sir Charles Addis and Admiral Sir Arthur C. Lewson. Mr. Herbert Looker, M.P., was presented to the Prince of Wales by Lieut.-Col. the Rt. Hon. George Gills, M.P.

It is reported that Mr. S. S. Wright, Northern Division manager of the B.A.T. Company, was brutally attacked on the railway platform at Tongshan recently, by about 20 Chinese soldiers. It is asserted that this outrage was perpetrated at the instance of two Chinese tax collectors in order to gain possession of a book in which Mr. Wright had made notes of certain investigations carried out by him.

An enjoyable smoking concert was held at the Phoenix Club on Saturday night, when despite the bad weather a large number of members were present. Mr. William Logan was elected President, and said he hoped that the confidence which the committee had placed in him would be fully justified. To an enjoyable programme, Messrs. Hagger, Blakeley, Laburn, Edgcliffe, and Zellenaky contributed, the last-named giving some clever impersonations.

It is announced that the transfer of Sir E. T. F. Crowe, commercial counsellor to the British Embassy at Tokyo, to the position of Director of the Foreign Division of the Department of Overseas Trade, will not be limited to a year, as at first arranged; he will continue in his new post indefinitely. The substantive position of commercial counsellor in Japan will remain in abeyance, but Mr. G. B. Sansom, commercial secretary, will be promoted to the local rank of commercial counsellor.

It is notified for the information of owners and occupiers of tenements that, under the provisions of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, rates for the second quarter of 1925, are payable in advance on or before the 30th April, 1925. If any person shall fail to pay such rates on or before the 31st May, 1925, proceedings will be taken in the Supreme Court for their recovery without further notice. No refund of rates in respect of vacant tenements will be granted and less than rates have been paid during and within the month of April, 1925, nor unless application is made for such refund within fifteen days from the expiration of the quarter.

Amoy Road gaol, Shanghai, the unwellcome abode of British subjects who have from time to time been sentenced to periods of imprisonment, is no longer to remain under the control of H.M. Consulate. It will in future be used by the Municipal Council as a foreign gaol and will accommodate foreign prisoners of other nationalities as well as British who have up till the present been housed at the Municipal gaol. H.M. Consulate have further made an agreement with the Council for the latter to take over all British prisoners, though there will still be a visiting committee appointed by the British Minister in Peking. The property itself also has been purchased by the Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE DINNER. IN HONOUR OF AMERICAN ADMIRAL.

On Friday, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government entertained Admiral Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, and Mrs. Washington to dinner.

Those present included: H.E. Major-General and Mrs. Luard, His Honour Sir Henry Gollan, Commander, Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, Captain and Mrs. Fenner, Captain Kimberly, Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Mrs. and Miss Holycall, Captain Hamilton, R.N., Captain Davenport, R.N., Captain Raikes, R.N., Commander and Mrs. Randall, Lieut.-Comdr. and Mrs. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton, Mr. Cameron, Hon. Mr. E. Johnston, Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. R. J. Hill, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Lieut. Comdr. H. G. G. Melbourn, Pay. Lieut. Churcher, R.N., Lieut. O'Brien, Mr. R. Johnston, and Mr. H. L. Hall.

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LATEST CABLES.

REUTERS' AGENCY.]

FINANCIAL CRISIS.

ERRIOT IS PREDICTED

BY PRESS.

Paris, April 5th. Erriot, like M. Poincaré, will all in consequence of the of any increased taxation as the idea underlying Press on the present solution of the crisis.

Monzie's entry into the Ministry has been a defeat on the question when that is debated Senate, but the anti-clerical quarrel fading into the background in the gravity of the problem of saving the colossal floating debt, but resort to inflation.

Journalists insist that M. De Monzie could not take undue advantage of the taxpayer.

Le Matin does not believe the Government will ever carry out the plan of a capital levy.

Le Gaulois is convinced that many Radicals will refuse directly to attack the rights of property; consequently the Cabinet will be overthrown.

L'Humanité is of opinion that the fall of the Left Bloc is now certain.

LATEST CABLES.

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FISCAL MEASURES DROPPED.

PARIS, April 5th.

The fiscal measures recommended by M. Cassandre including a fifty per cent. increase in the income tax, have been dropped.

The Government is resolutely opposed to any increase in the note circulation, but in order to provide the Treasury with the necessary funds probably the Government will ask the authority of parliament to introduce a capital levy, payments to be spread over ten years.

According to Le Temps, the proposed capital levy will be ten per cent. payable over a decade, with facilities for settlement in advance.

Impartial observers, however, anticipate an early political crisis, resulting in dissolution and fresh elections.

Le Temps confirms that M. Loucheur had declined the Finance Ministry leadership before M. De Monzie was accepted, as he disagreed with the Government's plans for dealing with the financial crisis.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTERS' AGENCY.]

THE NEW MINISTER.

M. De Monzie, the new Finance Minister, is a barrister aged 45, and a member of the radical group in the Senate known as the Gauche Démocratique.

He was the principal initiator of a resumption of relations with Russia, and is opposed to abolition of the Embassy at the Vatican.

It is reported that his acceptance of office was conditional on the Government's adopting a compromise whereby the charge d'affaires representing Alsace-Lorraine at the Vatican could care for the interests of the rest of France. This should strengthen the Government's position in the forthcoming debate on the Vatican question in the Senate, for if the Government had persisted in demanding a rupture with the Vatican it would probably have been defeated.

On the other hand, if the Government yields to the Socialist demand for a capital levy and the Senate throw out the measure, the Government would be faced with the dilemma of resigning or dissolving Parliament and appealing to the country.

M. De Monzie has confirmed that the Government has accepted the compromise as regards the Vatican.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTERS' AGENCY.]

THE PREMIER SPEAKS.

In the Chamber, M. Herriot refused to make a statement on M. Clementel's resignation this afternoon, and obtained an adjournment sine die of the interpellation, which was made a question of confidence, only the Communists opposing. He foreboded a Bill embodying reform to set the country's finances on their feet.

Ironical Opposition laughter greeted his opinion that this alone could ensure the revalorization of the franc and a fall in the cost of living. The Chamber was adjourned until Tuesday.

M. Herriot, speaking at a party meeting later, said the principle governing the elaboration of the Government's schemes consisted principally of a sort of capital levy, which would more particularly affect acquired wealth, while avoiding interfering with wealth in the course of formation.

TAFEST CABLES.

AIR COMMISSION OPENS.

MR. BALDWIN PRESIDES OVER INTERNATIONAL MEETING.

LONDON, April 4th.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin presided at the first sitting, this morning, of the international air-commission, at which twenty-one signatories to the Treaty were represented.

Welcoming the delegates, Mr. Baldwin said that their work was all in favour of peace. Aviation had been christened in blood; but, judging by the past work of the Commission, they would finally earn the world's gratitude as contributors to world peace.

In the evening, the delegates had dinner, as guests of the Government, the Under-Secretary of State for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, presiding.

BELGIAN ELECTIONS.

RECORD NUMBER OF LISTS PREPARED.

BRUSSELS, April 4th.

A record number of electoral lists has been prepared for the general election to the Senate and Chamber to be held tomorrow.

The Communists will contest every constituency, but the ex-servicemen have completely dropped out of the elections, which was decreed two months before the normal time. Owing to a parliamentary deadlock, the elections will be fought on a proportional representation with compulsory polling. Women are not enfranchised, except those sentenced by German courts for political patriotic activity in wartime. They number 10,000.

Hitherto the campaign has been very quiet not indicating the fate of the present Catholic and Liberal coalition, headed by the partyless and fearless M. Theunis.

CABINET RESIGNS.

BRUSSELS, April 5th.

The Premier, M. Theunis, to-day, handed H.M. The King the resignation of himself and his Ministers, as to-day is fixed for the holding of the parliamentary elections.

MOSCOW AND WARSAW.

POLISH CONSUL AT MINSK IS WITHDRAWN.

MOSCOW, April 5th.

The Rosta news agency announces that, in conformity with the demand of the Soviet, the Polish Consul at Minsk has been withdrawn.

[A Moscow telegram, dated April 2nd, announced that the Foreign Commissariat had handed a Note to the Polish Mission, declaring that the request of the Polish Consul at Minsk has been annulled, hoping he would be recalled immediately for harbouring Tassas for two days.]

PRINCE OF WALES.

ENJOYS MAGNIFICENT WEATHER ON VOYAGE.

BATHURST, April 4th.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has arrived here, after a voyage of a week, throughout which the weather was magnificent.

[Bathurst, a seaport, the capital of the British settlement on the Gambia, on the island of St. Mary, a sandbank about 3 miles by 14 miles, separated from the mainland by Oyster Creek, across which, however, there is now a metal road connecting it with British Cumbo. Bathurst is situated at the mouth of the Gambia on 13° 24' N.]

STINNES COLLIERY DISASTER.

NINE PERSONS ARE KILLED WHEN CAGE FALLS.

BERLIN, April 4th.

Eleven persons are missing, while two bodies have been recovered from the pit-shaft of the Stinnes colliery at Karnap, near Essen, following the failure of the winding engine, which caused the cage, containing 70 miners, to plunge to the bottom. The miners in the upper storeys were easily rescued though many were injured; but occupants of the bottom storey are inaccessible.

Nine persons were killed and 58 injured in the disaster at Stinnes colliery.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED ON SATURDAY.

LONDON, April 4th.

Below are the results of association football league matches, played to-day:

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Arsenal, 1; Cardiff City, 1.
Aston Villa, 1; Sunderland, 4.
Blackburn R., 0; Notts C., 2.
Bury, 1; Burnley, 0.
Huddersfield, 2; Everton, 0.
Liverpool, 1; Birmingham, 1.
Manchester C., 3; Preston N.E., 1.
Newcastle U., 0; West Brom A., 1.
Nottingham F., 4; Leeds U., 0.
Sheffield U., 2; Tottenham H., 0.
West Ham U., 1; Bolton W., 1.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Barnsley, 1; Clapton O., 1.
Blackpool, 2; Leicester C., 1.
Bradford C., 2; Chelsea, 0.
Derby C., 1; Manchester U., 0.
New Port C., 1; Brentford, 0.
Northampton, 0; Swindon T., 0.
Hull City, 0; Stoke, 0.
Middlesbrough, 0; Crystal P., 0.
Portsmouth, 1; Coventry C., 0.
Southampton, 1; Port Vale, 0.
South Shields, 0; Stockport, 1.
W. Hampton W., 1; Wednesday, 0.

DIVISION III: SOUTHERN.

Bristol R., 1; Millwall, 1.
Charlton A., 0; Bristol C., 1.
Exeter C., 0; Luton Town, 1.
Merthyr T., 1; Brighton and H.A., 2.
New Port C., 1; Brentford, 0.
Northampton, 0; Swindon T., 0.
Queen's Pk. R., 0; Plymouth A., 1.
Reading, 0; Bournemouth, 1.
Southend U., 0; Norwich C., 1.
Swansea T., 3; Gillingham, 0.
Watford, 0; Aberdare A., 0.

DIVISION III: NORTHERN.

Barrow, 2; Bradford, 1.
Crewe A., 1; Halifax T., 1.
Doncaster R., 2; Grimsby T., 2.
Durham C., 0; New Brighton, 0.
Lincoln C., 1; Wrexham, 1.
Nelson, 1; Darlington, 0.
Rochdale, 0; Accrington, 0.
Southport, 2; Hartlepool U., 0.
Tottenham R., 1; Rotherham C., 0.
Walsall, 0; Chesterfield, 0.
Wigan Boro., 1; Accrington S., 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Aberdeen, 0; Hearts, 0.
Ayr United, 0; Falkirk, 0.
Cowdenbath, 3; Hamilton, 1.
Dundee, 3; Hibernians, 0.
Morion, 1; St. Johnstone, 1.
Motherwell, 2; Kilmarnock, 1.
St. Mirren, 1; Queen's Park, 2.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER.

SCOTLAND DEFEAT ENGLAND IN CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, April 4th.

At Glasgow to-day, in bright weather and before an attendance of nearly 100,000, Scotland beat England by goals to none, thus winning the international association football championship.

The play was fast; but, except on the left wing, neither attack combined effectively.

All the halves were quick on the ball throughout the game.

Towards the interval, Scotland played up splendidly, all the forwards showing to advantage. In some loose play, Giffacher scored, with a grand shot, for Scotland, who led by 1-0 at half-time.

After the resumption, Scotland continued to play the better football and England's halves were kept busy checking the clever Scottish forwards.

Three minutes from the end of the game, Gallacher scored another point for Scotland, who thus won by 2 goals to nothing.

COVERED COURT TENNIS.

RESULTS OF FINAL GAMES AT QUEEN'S CLUB.

LONDON, April 4th.

At Queen's Club, to-day, in the final of the covered courts tennis championship singles, S. Jacob beat P. Spence (the holder). The score was: 3-6; 7-5; 6-0; 3-6; 6-3.

In the ladies' final of the singles, Miss Reid Thomas defeated the Hon. Mrs. Colston, by 6-2; 7-5.

In the final of the mixed doubles, P. Spence and Miss Colyer won against G. Crole-Rees and Mrs. Stocks, the score being 3-6; 6-2.

In the final of the men's doubles, P. Spence and C. Kingsley (holders) defeated S. Doust and J. Wheatley. The score was 9-7; 6-4; 1-6; 7-5.

EARLIER CABLES.

PARCELS FROM HOME.

LONDON, April 3rd.

The English parcel mail for the Far East, India and Australia, will depart on April 7th, instead of April 8th, in consequence of the Easter holidays.

MALABAR HILL CASE.

PROSECUTION PRODUCE FORMER STATEMENTS OF ACCUSED.

BOMBAY, April 3rd.

A new turn to the Malabar Hill case was taken when the witness Phause's statement to the Bombay police at Indore was read out, in which Mumtaz is alleged to have told Phause that she was willing to return to Indore as she was not so comfortable with Bawla.

Phause denied that the Maharaja of Indore had spoken to him regarding Mumtaz.

LATEST CABLES.

OTHER STATEMENTS.

BOMBAY, April 4th.

The prosecution put in statements by the other accused, most of whom pleaded an alibi. They stated they could prove they were in Indore at the time of the crime.

Phause's statement said Mumtaz represented she was being retained by Bawla at the pistol point. He had personal reasons for desiring to inform the Maharajah, Phause added, that Mumtaz was not considered the Maharani at Indore and not received with family honours.

Sharma, the finance secretary at Indore, who, on the night of January 12th, telegraphed to Atmaram Singh, the Maharajah's A.D.C., reporting the crime, stated in evidence that he heard of the affair accidentally while visiting Bombay. He proceeded to verify the report, then wired because he thought the information would be welcome at Indore. He was asked what he meant by writing in the telegram "inform proper quarters;" and replied that this referred to the persons reported wounded and arrested.

EARLIER CABLES.

INDIAN REFORM.

A CONCILIATORY SPEECH MADE BY MR. DAS.

PATNA, April 3rd.

A conciliatory speech was made by Mr. Das in response to Lord Birkenhead's statement in the House of Lords on March 30th, which he described as frank and courteous.

Mr. Das agreed that freedom would not be reached by violence, and said he was anxious to carry on active propaganda against an evil which was a standing menace to the establishment of Swaraj. "At the same time all efforts thither would not be effective unless the Government created a favourable atmosphere. Mr. Das criticised the Bengal Ordinance, and invited Lord Birkenhead searchingly to inquire into the causes of the revolutionary movement in India, and thereafter apply the proper remedy.

He asserted that the revolutionary movement would disappear when the Government laid the foundation of freedom of thought and a favourable atmosphere was created "for further discussion," but he was unable to co-operate with the Government in its present policy of repression.

THE COTTON INDUSTRY.

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD AT MANCHESTER.

LONDON, April 3rd.

A private conference of the employers of all branches of the cotton industry was held at Manchester to consider the serious position of the industry after three years' trade depression.

The conference was the result of a suggestion of the special committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, who pointed out that the spinners and weavers had borne the heaviest share of the losses amounting to millions sterling and the time had arrived when the subsidiary trades should co-operate to reduce costs of production and help bring Lancashire yarn and cloth again within the reach of the poor populations of tropical countries.

NEWCASTLE DOCK SCHEME.

SYDNEY, April 3rd.

The managers of Walsh Island Dockyard have submitted to the Navy Board proposals for the construction of a floating dock at Newcastle, New South Wales, for commercial and naval purposes. The dock is estimated to cost over £100,000.

BELGIUM AND HOLLAND.

THE HAGUE, April 3rd.

The Belgo-Dutch navigation agreement has been signed.

GERMAN PRESIDENCY.

BERLIN, April 3rd.

A joint conference of the Centre, Democrat and Social Democrat parties has nominated the ex-Chancellor, Doctor Marx, as a candidate for the Presidency.

OBITUARY.

JEAN DE RESZKE.

NICE, April 3rd.

The death has occurred of the famous operatic singer, Jean de Reszke.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PROHIBITION IN U.S.A.

FINDING IN CASE OF S.S. "QUADRA"

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4th.

Ten of the defendants in the case against the steamer Quadra, mentioned on March 18th, have been found guilty of conspiracy to violate the U.S.A. prohibition laws. Thirty-two members of the crew were acquitted.

[A cable, dated March 18th, stated that the seizure of the Canadian steamer Quadra in November, outside the Golden Gate, on a charge of liquor smuggling, was held to have been lawful, by the District Court Judge, Mr. Partridge, who over-ruled the defence's contention that nothing in the Anglo-American liquor treaty entitled the United States to seize British subjects beyond the three mile limit, even though they were within twelve miles of the coast. It was alleged that the Quadra was carrying a half a million dollars' worth of liquor. The ruling naturally affects the sixty officers and men, who are mostly British Columbians, forming the crew.]

TENNIS IN U.S.A.

AMERICAN INDOOR TITLE WON BY BOROTRA.

NEW YORK, April 5th.

For the first time on record, a foreigner has won the national indoor lawn-tennis title.

The achievement has fallen to Jean Borotra, who defeated F. A. Anderson by 3 sets to 1.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE LAW'S LOOPHOLES.

CRIMINAL CONVICTION FAILS IN OIL SCANDALS.

WASHINGTON, April 3rd.

The Government's efforts to secure a criminal conviction in the oil scandal case, against Mr. Fall and the oil magnates who negotiated the celebrated western oil land leases with him, encountered a serious set-back to-day, when all the indictments were thrown out by the court on the ground that the presence of the Assistant Attorney-General in the grand jury room, where the indictments were being drawn up last summer, was contrary to law.

THE CORN MARKET.

CHICAGO PRICES TOUCH LOW LEVEL FOR SEASON.

CHICAGO, April 3rd.

The corn market was in a state of semi-demoralisation to-day. Prices declined six to seven cents and reached the lowest level of the season. Urgent selling to stop losses showed that the market was not supported.

A COSTER'S WATTEAU.

WORKMAN'S GIFT TO THE NATION.

Mr. W. Rodgie, a perambulator mender, who lives at Kentish Town, London, N., was rummaging among odds and ends on a hawk's barrow at Chalk Farm, N., some time ago, when he came on a bundle of pictures, which he bought for about two shillings.

This cheap and not very promising bundle contained two pictures which are now in the British Museum. One was a red and white chalk drawing of a fiddler by Antoine Watteau, and has since been valued at £100; the other is a boy's head by Boucher.

Mr. Rodgie presented the first to the British Museum as a gift, and the second was bought from him by the Museum authorities at a much greater price than he gave for it.

Mr. Rodgie related the story of his find to a Daily Express representative. "I have worked at my trade ever since I was a boy," he said, "and have not had many shillings to spare. On more than one occasion I have sent prints and pictures to the British Museum. Some of them have been worthless, and Mr. Campbell Dodgson, keeper of the print department, has told me so."

"After my first success, however, I was inspired to continue my collecting in a small way. I have come upon other things of interest, which I have sent to other art galleries and museums." He displayed a letter from the Bodleian Library, accepting an engraved print of Descartes, and letters from other important art institutions.

"I am making a speciality of collecting Baxter colour prints at present, and have a good assortment. Some I have sold at a slight profit; others I am keeping."

"Half an hour in the evenings, and Saturday afternoons are all the time that I can give to my collecting. It is my ambition, however, when I can no longer work at my trade, to have a little shop and make my hobby support me."

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BANDITS IN SHENSHI.

ANXIETY FELT IN HOME MISSIONARY CIRCLES.

LONDON, April 4th.

There is anxiety in missionary circles on account of the sensational reports from Tientsin of bandit outrages in Shensi and the abduction of a thousand women and girls, many of whom were drowned, fleeing from the English Mission at Kingtze-whan, which was burned down. The Missionary in charge, the Rev. Mr. Parker, and his wife have fled to the hills.

DUNLOP RUBBER COMPANY.

ENORMOUS EXPANSION IN HOME AND EXPORT TRADE.

LONDON, April 3rd.

Presiding at the general meeting of Dunlop's, Sir Eric Geddes announced the payment of a dividend on three classes of preference shares. The dividend was being passed on ordinary shares with a view to accumulating substantial reserves.

He recorded enormous expansion in the home and export trade.

The company was not yet entirely on its feet but he hoped this was the last year shareholders would be asked to make a sacrifice.

He announced that he would visit Malacca this year to inquire into matters affecting the estates.

He said the result of the restriction of the rubber output was that the only countries where development could occur were those not under the British flag.

It seemed most unfair that they should be denied the right to bring home rubber while they were obliged to buy largely from another nation.

Restriction admittedly was temporary but the whole question should be again investigated unless the development of new areas with the pass entirely to the Dutch Indies and elsewhere.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

DR. SCHURMAN'S SUCCESSOR.

WASHINGTON, April 3rd.

President Coolidge has appointed Mr. McMurray, Assistant Secretary of State, successor to Dr. Schurman as Minister to Peking.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FOOCHOW FISH BOYCOTT.

SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT OWING TO STUDENT AGITATORS.

PEKING, April 4th.

The latest telegrams from Foochow indicate serious developments in connection with the fish boycott. On March 21st, the Police arrested two student agitators, both of whom are said to have taken an active part in the recent disturbances.

The students accused Governor Sah Chen Ping of blindly obeying the American request to arrest the ringleaders.

The American Legation states, in this connection, that it has not asked for arrest, but merely for protection.

The students attempted to organize a demonstration on April 1st. About 500 of them rushed Governor Sah Chen Ping's yamen, and demanded the instant release of those arrested.

When Governor Sah Chen Ping flatly refused to comply they held a mass meeting, outside the Provincial Assembly, and passed a resolution, calling for Sah Chen Ping's resignation of the Civil Government.

Apprehension is felt at Foochow as to how the movement will develop.

CHINA AND VENEZUELA.

TREATY OF AMITY AND COMMERCE ARRANGED.

PEKING, April 4th.

A mandate, gazetted to-day, authorizes Mr. Lih Ching Hsien, Chinese Minister to Madrid, to sign, as China's plenipotentiary representative, the proposed Treaty of Amity and Commerce between China and Venezuela.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

April 3rd.
Armaneshan, British str., 3,320 tons, Capt. G. R. Mervet, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 11—Kwai Sang.
Draft, Norwegian str., 1,024 tons, Capt. Erik Fingelsen, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at Stonecutters.
Dakti, Norwegian str., 781 tons, Capt. Solum, from Bangkok, with a cargo of rice, lying at Stonecutters—Thomson & Co.
Song Shu, French str., 720 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from Hoibow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15—Messageries Maritimes.

Tacoma Maru, Japanese str., 3,541 tons, Capt. K. Kojima, from Bombay and Singapore. The latter port she left on March 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Wanchai—O.S.K.
Tai Nee, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. R. J. Nogueira, from Kwangchow, with a general cargo, lying at Wanchai—Yan Fat Co.
Taijima Maru, Japanese str., 4,273 tons, Capt. P. Sonoyama, from Liverpool and Singapore. The former port she left on February 21st and the latter on March 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—N.Y.K.

April 4th.
Aizawa Maru, Japanese str., from Canton, lying at Wanchai.
Dornes Maru, Japanese str., 3,843 tons, Capt. J. Motoshige, from Saigon, which port she left on March 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—O.S.K.
Enshing Maru, Japanese str., 6,816 tons, Capt. S. Ikawa, from Singapore via way ports, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—N.Y.K.
Hydranga, British str., 501 tons, Capt. W. Brewer, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Chin On wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.
Kwangling, Chinese str., from Canton, lying at C.M.S.N. wharf.
Lake Fielding, American str., 1,889 tons, Capt. F. Malm, from Shanghai, lying at Kowloon Dock—P.M. S.S. Co.
Produce, Norwegian str., 748 tons, Capt. E. Winsnes, from Dalny, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—Kwong Mow Tai.
Pennant, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Saigon, with a cargo, lying at buoy No. C17—K. Larsen & Co.
Blanton, British str., 3,880 tons, Capt. G. B. Butler, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 1st, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Sunli, Portuguese str., 440 tons, Capt. G. A. de Souza, from Kwangchow, with a general cargo, lying at Saihong wharf—Huang Kuei.
Seachow, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. W. Tonkin, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.
Souchow, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B9.
Tanahua, British str., 4,047 tons, Capt. A. Chalmers, from San Pedro, with a cargo of fuel oil, lying at Lai-chi-kok—Standard Oil Co.
Tienbin, British str., from Canton, lying at Stonecutters.
Trier, German str., 5,400 tons, Capt. J. Jauch, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 1st, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A30—Melchers & Co.

April 5th.
Cheongshing, British str., 1,266 tons, Capt. N. W. van Cortlandt, from Weihaiwei, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C32—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Hui Hong, British str., 1,700 tons, Capt. Ellis Walker, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas wharf—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
Hui Sang, British str., 1,886 tons, Capt. Geo. Matthews, from Sandakan, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Hokuto Maru, Japanese str., 2,916 tons, Capt. J. Tsurunaki, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. A30—Sato Co.
Hong Feng, British str., Capt. John McKelvey, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4—Seng Soon Hong.
Kanchow, British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. B12.
Kotsu Maru, Japanese str., 1,459 tons, Capt. S. Satow, from Swatow, with a cargo of cement and paper, lying at O.S.K. wharf—O.S.K.
Shimizu Maru, Japanese str., 857 tons, Capt. Y. Kanadani, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C32—N.Y.K.
West Jessup, American str., 3,625 tons, Capt. L. Johnson, from Zanzibar, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A30.
Wong Shek Kung, Chinese str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. C44.

CLEARANCES.

April 4th.
Aizawa Maru, for Keelung.
Altai Maru, for Kobe.
Banaka, for Bangkok.
Banleuch, for Takao.
Watareia, for Swatow.
Borneo, for Haiphong.
Chung Hing, for Kwangchow Wan.
Copenhagen, for Iloilo.
Fenglee, for Saigon.
Fushimi Maru, for Shanghai.
Futami Maru, for Canton.
Kaijo Maru, for Keelung.
Kanko Maru, for Shanghai.
Kwanling, for Swatow.
Kwanping, for Hoibow.
Longland, for Singapore.
Nagasaki, for Keelung.
Philactetes, for Cebu.
Song Ho, for Kwangchow Wan.
Souchow, for Swatow.
St. Albans, for Kobe.

Seachow, for Canton.
Tacoma Maru, for Kobe.
Taijima Maru, for Shanghai.
Tamata, for San Francisco.
Tianbin, for Shanghai.
Trier, for Manila.
Tsun Sang, for Manila.

April 5th.
Kanchow, for Shanghai.
Kotsu Maru, for Hongkong.
Watareia, for Singapore.
Wong Shek Kung, for Canton.
West Jessup, for Swatow.
Wong Shek Kung, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

Per s.s. **Hui Hong**, on April 5th:—Mr. S. Hawkin and Mrs. F. de Vries.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. **Mauretia**, on April 5th:—Mr. and Mrs. S. Baker and two children, Gaudr. and Mrs. S. G. Misselbrook and three children, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roxburgh and infant, Mr. E. Case, Mr. H. Carver, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beaumont, infant, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ling and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hills and two children, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Holdsworth, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cassels and infant, Mr. and Mrs. E. Nissim, Miss P. Nissim, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tole, Mr. E. W. D. Elmer, Mr. Lewis Stansfield, Mr. A. K. Henderson, Mr. Tole, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bunge and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Warner and infant, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Brown and infant, Miss Y. M. D. Brown, Mr. E. Rev. and Mrs. T. Thoms, Mrs. T. E. Black and infant, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Preston, Miss M. and D. Bewell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and infant, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moss and five children, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bell, Mrs. R. Groundwater and family, Miss Craig, Mrs. V. Riley and two children, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Mudge, Capt. K. A. Puckle, Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nye and two children, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. S. Rumble and two children, Miss Bradley, Miss C. M. Strange, Mrs. Cresswell, Mrs. Graham, Mr. Harlow, Mrs. A. Maitland, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shellim, Miss E. Shellim, Miss E. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Glass and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Bromley, Misses Cossart, Sir Albert and Lady Spicer, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Greig, Miss J. N. Lander, Mr. C. H. Fryer, Mr. J. N. Mehta, Mr. G. Cameroun, Mr. W. Harper, Mr. J. W. Frank, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Foster, Mrs. G. D. Jack, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wentworth, Mr. G. D. Gerrard, Mr. H. B. Mould, Mrs. G. H. Summers and two children, Miss M. Logan, Rev. and Mrs. A. Hutchinson, Mr. S. Mordecai, Miss L. E. Rayner, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fryer and child, Mr. E. Woodford, Mr. F. P. R. James, Mr. Webberley, Mr. E. P. Fearley, Mr. A. E. Fearley, Mr. C. L. Packe, Mr. F. L. Mayer, Mr. N. Rothchild, Capt. G. Byers, Mr. G. Jones, Miss Murray, Miss Ratcliffe, Mrs. Evans, Mr. G. Riley, Mr. T. F. Bourne, Mr. G. R. Jackson, Mr. V. H. Milne, Miss Miser, Mr. L. R. Advani, Bishop John Hind, Miss Hind, Mr. A. B. Osmond, Mr. J. M. Melk, Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald, Mr. D. Austin, and Mr. J. Simla.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. **Empress of Asia** left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 3rd, and is due to arrive here on April 21st.
 The R.M.S. **Empress of Australia** arrived at Yokohama on April 4th at 8 a.m., left on the 15th at 9 a.m., and is due at Hongkong on Sunday, April 12th, at 6 a.m.
 The P. & O. s.s. **Mauretia**, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on April 3rd, at 6:20 a.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agamemnon (Blue Funnel), due April 15th.
Automedon (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 30th.
Calchas (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 15th.
Dioned (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 27th.
Empress of Australia (C.P.R.), due April 10th.
Hakozaki Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 20th.
Hakusan Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 4th.
Mendana (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 15th.
Mentor (Blue Funnel), due on or about April 15th.
Mishima Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 15th.
President Harrison (Dollar), due April 27th.
President Jackson (Admiral Oriental), due to-day.
President McKinley (Admiral Oriental), due April 17th.
President Monroe (Dollar), due April 13th.
Nelva (Blue Funnel), due on or about May 3rd.
Sumatra (Swedish East Asiatic), due on or about May 4th.
Taucher (Blue Funnel), due to-day.
 (Other Shipping News on page 9).



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From Hongkong	Due	From Vancouver	Due
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May 7	May 9	EXPRESS CANADA	May 10
			May 12

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SRIDZUOKA MARU ... Thursday, 23rd Apr.

YOKOHAMA MARU ... Friday, 10th May

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore Ports.

KASIMIA MARU ... Wednesday, 26th Apr.

HAKONE MARU ... Saturday, 25th Apr.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM. ... Wednesday, 15th Apr.

LIVERPOOL via ADEN & MARSEILLES. ... Monday, 13th Apr.

TSURUGA MARU ... Monday, 13th Apr.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila Ports. ... Wednesday, 22nd Apr. at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 20th May

MIYAHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 15th Apr.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town. ... Friday, 8th May

AWA MARU (calls Delagoa Bay & Port Elizabeth) ... Friday, 8th May

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo. ... Friday, 10th Apr.

CALCUTTA MARU ... Tuesday, 28th Apr.

TAMBA MARU ... Tuesday, 28th Apr.

QALOUTIA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon. ... Saturday, 11th Apr.

MURORAN MARU ... Saturday, 18th Apr.

OSAKA MARU ... Saturday, 18th Apr.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. ... Thursday, 16th Apr.

MISHIMA MARU ... Thursday, 16th Apr.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. ... Sunday, 12th Apr.

TOMIURA MARU (Moji Direct) ... Tuesday, 21st Apr.

SAKAZAKI MARU ... Tuesday, 5th May

AKHUSAN MARU ... Tuesday, 5th May

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*"SAARBRUECKEN"	26th April 1925	2nd May 1925
*"ELBERFELD"	24th May	19th June
*"DESSAU"	21st June	14th June
*"COBLENZ"	19th July	27th June
*"ANHALT"	16th August	10th August
*"FULD"	13th August	22nd August
*"TRIER"	10th September	19th September
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PAUL LECAT	—	—	16th Apr., "
ANDRE LEBON	12th Mar., 1923	14th Apr., 1923	10th May, "
AMBOISE	28th Mar., "	27th Apr., "	24th May, "
CHARTILLY	9th Apr., "	11th May, "	7th June, "
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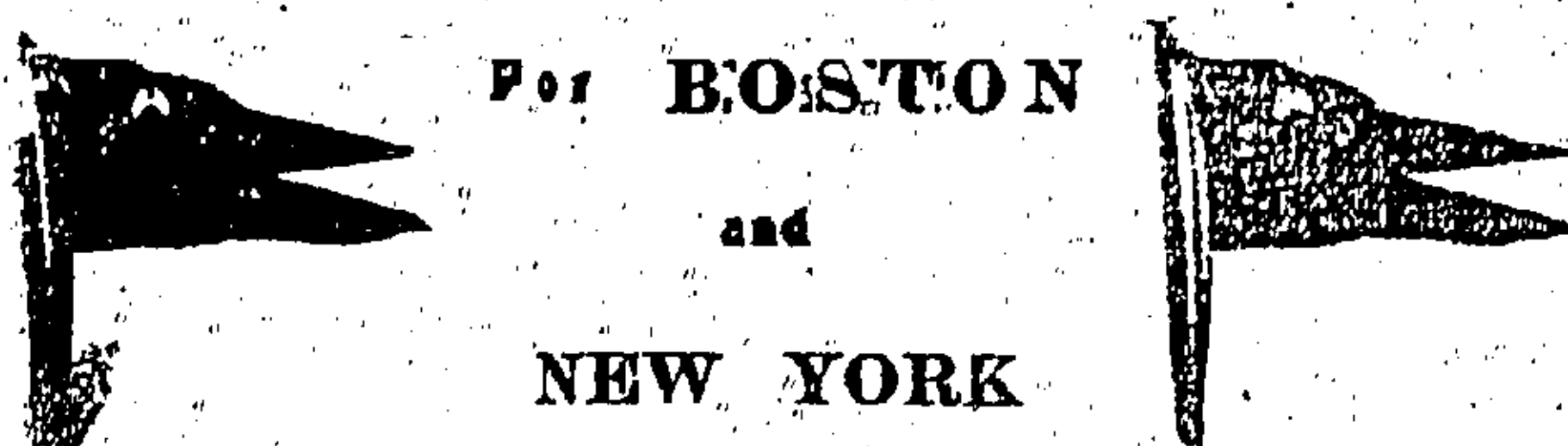
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"LAHORE" ...	5,283	24th Apr.	Singapore & Bombay
"MADEIRA" ...	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"ALPORA" ...	5,272	13th May	Singapore Penang & Bombay
"SARDINIA" ...	5,272	18th May	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"BOUDAN" ...	6,598	28th May	Marseilles & London
"MOREA" ...	10,911	30th May	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"NAGOYA" ...	6,854	31st May	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA" ...	6,813	10th June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SALYAN" ...	6,144	13th June	Mars., London & Antwerp.
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"TAKLIWA" ...	7,928	21st May	do.
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"SARDINIA" ...	6,813	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"NAGOYA" ...	6,854	20th Apr.	do.
"TAKLIWA" ...	7,928	28th Apr.	Kobe.
"MOREA" ...	10,911	1st May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"BOUDAN" ...	6,598	6th May	do.
"TAHREA" ...	7,923	13th May	Kobe.
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"SALYAN" ...	6,144	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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"KARMA" ...	9,123	7th Aug.	do.
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"TANDA" ...	6,000	8th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NARKUNDA" ...	16,237	21st Aug.	Shanghai.
"RHIVA" ...	9,125	4th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA" ...	6,000	18th Sept.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MALWA" ...	10,941	18th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS" ...	4,500	3rd Oct.	do.

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AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 6th Apr., 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 9th Apr., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"LINAGHONG"	On 11th Apr., Noon.
SHANGHAI & NEWCHOWANG	"PAKHOI"	On 11th Apr., 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 12th Apr., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & HANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 12th Apr., 5 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 12th Apr., 11 a.m.
SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 14th Apr., 11 a.m.

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